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Dear Ms. Hesse:

We are writing to support the settlement of the antitrust lawsuit against Microsoft. While our Chamber believes that many of the allegations could be true, it is time to shift our focus our tax dollars to other priorities. There is no shortage of things on which we should be using our resources.

The settlement has a little bit of something in it for everybody while maintaining its overall balance. It is a compromise that enforces guidelines on Microsoft for the future and penalties for past actions. However, it allows the freedom for Microsoft to continue being the successful company it has become over the years and throughout the world.

It is time to put this to rest. It is also time to focus on more important issues, of which there are many. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Charla Anderso

Chief Executive Officer